I.C.P.O. Bulletin

18-25 January 2013

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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18/01/2013: Bill, N2COP, will be active from Smith / Bald Head Island (NA-112, USi NC003S, WW Loc. FM13AU), Brunswick county, North Carolina, from 18-20 January 2013. He will also be active part time in the ARRL January VHF Contest (19-20 January) from Grid FM13. Look for Bill on the HF bands on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call. [USi]

18/01/2013: Joe, K5KUA, will once again activate Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX001S), Galveston county, Texas, from 18-21 January 2013. While there he will be working CW only on 40m thru 10m (mostly 20m and 40m) as conditions and time permits. QSL direct or via bureau to K5KUA. [rsgbiota.org]

19/01/2013: Nobu, JP1EWY, plans to be active as homecall/1 from Hachijo Island (WLOTA 0436, Tokyo Prefecture, JCG 10006), South Izu Islands (AS-043), from 19-21 January 2013. QRV mostly CW, with some SSB, on the HF bands. QSL direct or bureau to JP1EWY. [rsgbiota.org]

20/01/2013: Sam, F6AML, will once again be actuve from Jambiani, Zanzibar island (AF-032, WLOTA 1080, WW Loc. KI93SQ), as 5H1Z between 20 January and 28 February 2013. Using an FT857D, Linear 400W and verticals, look for him on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. He says he may also try to be active from Mafia island (AF-054), Pemba island (AF-063, WLOTA 1437) and the Dar Es Salaam / Pwani Region Group (AF-075). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Note: no internet/cluster connection. Website: www.qrz.com/db/5H1Z [DX World]

20/01/2013: George W4BUW (C6AGH), Joe W8GEX (C6DX) Janet W8CAA and Joe AA4NN will be active from Great Exuma Island (NA-001), Bahamas, on 20-27 January 2013. They plan to run three stations on 160-10 metre SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL C6AGH via W4BUW and C6DX via W8GEX. U.S. stations send direct; DX stations direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

20/01/2013: Look for Dennis, WA2USA to be active as WA2USA/4 from St. George island (NA-085, USi FL0076S), Franklin county, Florida, between 20 January and 27 February 2013. He also plans to operate from the lighthouse (ARLHS USA-1057, WLOTA 3178) while he is on the island. QRV mostly CW on 30, 20 and 15 metres. Some SSB on 40 and 20 metres. All bands in ARRL International DX CW Contest (16-17 February) and the NAQP RTTY Contest (23-24 February). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Website: www.wa2usa.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

21/01/2013: Pierre, F8APV and Stephane, F8EOI will be returning to Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812) and operating as FR/F8APV and FR/F8EOI between 21 January and 8 February 2013. They will be active on 40 metres and up with a Buddipole antenna system (longer than standard with telescopic long whip). Special attention on 30 metre CW and 20 metre SSB. Possible Skeds welcome at pierre.goasguen.f8apv[at]gmail.com [DX World]

21/01/2013: Eddy, ON4AFU, will be active as HS0ZJF/8 from Koh Samui (AS-101, WLOTA 1384) between 21 January and 18 February and as HS0ZJF/9 from Koh Butang (AS-126) between 20 February and 2 March 2013. He will operate CW only on 40-10

metres with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via ON4AFU, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

22/01/2013: "The Daily DX" Editor, Bernie McClenny (W3UR) and his father Tony (N3ME) will be active holiday style from Saint Andrew Parish, island of Dominica (NA-101) in late January-early February 2013. Bernie will operate as J77A (22 January-1 February) and Tony will operate as J76A (22 January-11 February); both will be QRV in their spare time on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY, using K3s and wire antennas. Tony plans to operate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (9-10 February). The special prefixes are in celebration of the beginning of their Amateur Radio careers (1977 and 1976 respectively). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [425 DX News]

23/01/2013: Raf ON5RZ, Jean ON4JW and Dirk ON7DS will be active from the 'Far North' in Ragunda, Sweden, at the King Chulalongkorn Memorial ARC station from 23-28 January 2013 as SI9AM. They will also be QRV for the UBA SSB DX Contest (26-27 January). QSL via SM3CVM, bureau cards can be requested by email to info(at)si9am.se . All info, live video, chatbox and more can be found at: www.si9am.se/. [UBA HF News]

24/01/2013: A team of 12 operators from the Bahia Blanca DX Group (LU6EVD) plan to be active as L22D from Isla Gama (SA-022), Buenos Aires province, from 24-27 January 2013. They will use three modes (SSB - CW - PSK31) on all possible bands, including WARC 12m and 17m. The team leader will be Osmar, LU8DWR, along with Carlos, LU7DSY, and multiple operators that have not yet been mentioned. QSL direct via LU7DSY with SASE and 3 dollars or 2 IRC (not Paypal). Also confirmation via bureau. Further information and updates at: lu6evd.wordpress.com/2012/12/07/activacion-isla-gama-iota-sa-022/ [DX World]

25/01/2013: Nodir, EY8MM, will once again be active from Dushanbe, Tajikistan, during the CQWW 160-M CW Contest (25-27 January) as a Single-Op entry from CQ zone 17. QSL via K1BV. Website: www.ey8mm.com/ [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Look for the Radiosporting Team to activate OH0Z, Riddarklint hill, Mariehamn, Fasta Aland (EU-002, WFF OHFF-037, WLOTA 1373), in the CQWW 160-M CW Contest (25-27 January) as a Multi-Single entry from CQ zone 15. Operators will be Juha OH1JT, Ari OH5DX and Tomi OH6EI. QSL via W0MM. [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Tony, RT9T (RX9TL), will be QRV as UN/RT9T from Kazakhstan (CQ zone 17) for the CQWW 160-M CW Contest (25-27 January). Entry class will be a surprise. Look for Tony to be active before the contest on the HF bands. QSL via RT9T (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Mario, S56A, will be active as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry in the CQWW 160-M CW Contest (25-27 January) using the callsign Z6/S56A from Batlava lake, Kosovo (quiet location, CQ zone 15). QSL via home call. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

01/02/2013: Sean, KX9X, is going to be at the ARRL SC State convention. During his trip he will attempt to validate Dewees Island (NA-110, USi SC042, WW Loc. FM02DU), Charleston county, South Carolina, for the U.S. islands award program. The plan is to activate the island on 1 February 2013 (1500 - 2000z) running QRP with his Yaesu 817 on both CW and SSB. Sean will be close to salt water, so chances are good that he will be reasonably loud. QSL via his home call. [USi]

03/02/2013: Bert, CX3AN, will be active from Marl self-catering bugalow, Pointe Larue, Mahe island (WLOTA 3286, WW Loc. LI75SH), inner Seychelles (AF-024) from 3-11 February 2013. QRV on 80-6m including the WARC bands - mostly SSB and CW.

QSL via home call. Website: www.qrz.com/db/S79AN [DX World]

27/02/2013: Scott, K7ZO, will once again be active as YN5ZO from 'El Arbol del Limon' located in San Juan Del Sur, Rivas, Nicaragua, between (approx) 27 February and 3 March 2013. His main focus will be a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). QSL via LoTW and/or K7ZO direct only. [NG3K]

08/03/2013: Mike W1USN (RNARS #3889), Bob AA1M and Scott W1SSR will be active as PJ2/homecall from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 8-22 March 2013. Plans are to be QRV on all bands 160m to 10m SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY. Depending on Internet access, the logs will be updated at least daily to LoTW. QSL direct CBA or via the bureau. [DX World]

26/03/2013: Helmut, DF7ZS, will once again be active from the P49V QTH (Cook's Radio Retreat), Oranjestad, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033, WW Loc. FK42XN) between 26 March and 3 April 2013. QRV on the WARC bands as P4/DF7ZS is planned. The main focus of his trip is a Single-Op entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March), callsign is still tentative. QSL to his home call, direct or via the DARC bureau. Further information in due course. [NG3K]

27/03/2013: Chris, GM3WOJ/ZL1CT and Keith, GM4YXI will be active as VK9C/GM2MP from the Cocos-Keeling Islands (OC-003) between 30 March and 13 April 2013. QRV on the HF bands using SSB and CW, with some RTTY. It is hoped to have a real-time logging system and daily LoTW uploads if possible. More details to follow.. [DX World]

10/05/2013: A large group of Westnet DX Group members will be active as EJ7NET from the Aran Islands (EU-006) from 10-15 May 2013. Team members include EI6FR, EI3HA, EI2GX, EI7DSB, EI5IQ, EI2KC, HB9ASZ, HB9DGV, MM0BIM, GM3YEH, GM0DJG and GM3OZB. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via Declan EI6FR, direct and/or LoTW. Sorry, NO eQSL or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

22/07/2013: Look for Ken, G0ORH and David, G3KLH to be active as MM3I from the isle of Arran (EU-123, IOSA CL01, SCOTIA CS14), Clyde Islands, from 22-30 July 2013. This will include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July). QRV WARC bands outside contest. They also plan some activity on 5MHz. QSL via G0ORH. rsgbiota.org]

24/07/2013: Operators ON2AV, ON4CEZ and ON7JA will activate the island of Brac (EU-016, ACIA IC-657, CIA-04, IOCA CI-010, MIA MC-042, WLOTA 0416), Croatia, between 24 July and 2 August 2013 as 9A/OO7T/p on all bands and modes. This will also include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July). 100% QSL via the bureau. No e-QSL. [rsgbiota.org]

21/12/2013: The next H40FN DXpedition by Sigi HA8DD to Lata, Nendo Island (OC-100), Temotu Province, will take place (approx) from 21 December 2013 until 6 January 2014. QSL via HA8DD, direct only. More info to follow.. Website: www.qrz.com/db/H40FN [DX World]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

RNLI SOS RADIO WEEK -
REMINDER: RNLI SOS Radio week runs from 19 to 27 January 2013 and 40 stations have registered to take part. There is an award for contacting registered stations. For full details of those stations, check out the website at: www.sosradioweek.org.uk/ [GB2RS]

18/01/2013: Look for members of the Natal Digital Group (natal-digital-group.blogspot.com.br) to activate special event station PW7F between 18-20 January 2013. Activity is to celebrate the 413th anniversary of "Fortaleza dos Reis Magos" or also known as "Forte dos Reis Magos", located in the city of Natal, state of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. See QRZ.com for some pictures. Operations will be on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Operators mentioned are Ed PS7DX, Nazareno PS7NN, Mac PS7GL, Carlos PS7KC and Nat PS7HD. QSL Manager is PS7HD. [OPDX Bulletin]

19/01/2013: Pontefract & District ARS will be operating GB0SRW from 19 to 27 January 2013 as part of the RNLI SOS Radio week. The club will operate on the 40, 20, 4 and 2m bands from Pontefract, Yorkshire, England (EU-005, WAB SE42, WLOTA 1841, WW Loc. IO93IQ). QSLs will be sent but only on receipt of a card either direct to G0BPK or via the RSGB bureau to GB0SRW. Full details at: www.qrz.com/db/GB0SRW [GB2RS]

19/01/2013: South Tyneside Amateur Radio Club will be operating GB1SLB from the RNLI Lifeguard Station, Marine Walk, Roker, Sunderland, on 19 January 2013. Operation will be on all HF bands from 10am to 7pm. QSL via the RSGB bureau. Details can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/GB1SLB [GB2RS]

19/01/2013: Herbie G6XOU and Friends, will be operating as GB6WLB (Walton lifeboat RNLI 16-19) from 19 to 27 January 2013 as part of the RNLI SOS Radio week. They will operate on most HF bands from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, England (EU-005, WAB TM22, WLOTA 1841, WW Loc. JO01PU). Herbie is a keen PSK operator and this call has been registered as EPC #19125. QSL via G6XOU, e-QSL preferred or RSGB bureau. All logs will be uploaded to eQSL.cc [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

19/01-20/01 FY/F5UII: Ile Royale - Ile du Salut WLOTA:0911 QSL H/c (d/B)
19/01-27/01 GB0SRW: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL RSGB Buro
19/01-27/01 GB1SLB: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL RSGB Buro
19/01-27/01 GB6WLB: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU eQSL/RSGB Buro
19/01-21/01 JP1EWY/1: Hachijo Shima WLOTA:0436 QSL H/c (d/B)
20/01-28/02 5H1Z: Zanzibar Island WLOTA:1080 QSL F6AML (d/B)
20/01-27/02 WA2USA/4: St. George Island WLOL:USA-1057 WLOTA:3178 QSL H/c (d/B)
21/01-08/02 FR/F8APV: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL H/c (d/B)
21/01-08/02 FR/F8EOI: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL H/c (d/B)
21/01-18/02 HS0ZJF/8: Koh Samui WLOTA:1384 QSL ON4AFU (d/B)
25/01-27/01 OH0Z: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL W0MM (d/B)

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6 METRES & UP -

19/01-21/01 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes SO/MO/Rover/LP/HP 19 1900z-21 0359z
19/01-27/01 GB0SRW: RNLI SOS Radio week Grid:IO93IQ 4m/2m CW/Phone QSL Buro
22/01 LY 2.4GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM/Open 1800z-2159z
22/01 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
22/01 The 50MHz Open Cumulative SO/MO/LP/MP/HP 1800z-2200z
22/01 RSGB 50MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
22/01 RSGB SHF UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
22/01-11/02 J76A: Dominica NA-101 Grid:FK95HO 6m all mode QSL N3ME (d/B)
22/01-01/02 J77A: Dominica NA-101 Grid:FK95HO 6m all mode QSL W3UR (d/B)
23/01 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m class 0000z-0200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 15 January 2013)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

Z81Z - Republic of South Sudan
Current operation commencing January 8, 2013

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! :o(

QSLs via Direct: 3B9SP (HB9ACA), 4L8A (K1BV), 5C2P (IK2PZC), 5N7M (OM3CGN), 5T0SP (OQRS), 5T5BV (JA1PSV), 5V7TH (OQRS), 7Z7AB (OQRS), BM0LF (BM2JCC), C5A (OM2FY), C50C (OM2FY), HK0NA (N2OO), J75Z (K7ZZ), LT0X (LU7DSY), LZ1ANA (LZ1PM), NH8S (AA4NN), P29NI [OC-099] (G3KHZ), P29VPB [OC-069] (G3KHZ), P3EU (OQRS), PA3EVY (QRZ.com), RI0K (RW3RN), T88UE (OQRS), T8XX (OQRS), TZ6VV (KB0VV), VK6WDI [OC-170] (VK6YS), VK9/OH3JR (H/c), VK9/OH3X (OH3JR), VK9XS (JA1PSV), VP5/K7AR [NA-002] (H/c) and YW5B [SA-037] (DM4TI).

QSLs via LoTW: CU3AK, EK6LP, FM/S35R, J6/N7QT, JR1GMK, TO9R and V73CW.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
VEFF - Canada Flora & Fauna at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
VEFF Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

5X8C 2013, by the Provins ARC F6KOP, Press release:

The team is now complete with the last op's coming of Jean-Louis, F5NHJ and David, EI9FBB.

Frank/F4AJQ is the team leader of the Back Office, in France; unfortunately he can't go to 5X.

Seb/F5UFX, and Alain/F6ENO will be the team leaders of the Dxpedition in 5X.

By modes, the leaders are: CW = Bernard/F9IE, SSB = Flo/F5CWU, RTTY= Jean-Paul/F8BJI.

The crew consists of:
Team CW N?1: Seb F5UFX, Dave K4SV, Patrick F2DX, Norbert DJ7JC.
Team CW N?2: Alain F6ENO, Jean-Marc F8IXZ, Stephane F5UOW, Jean-Jacques F5NKX.
Team SSB N?1: Gerard F2JD, Gerard F2VX, Eric ON7RN, Fran?ois ON4LO.
Team SSB N?2: Michel FM5CD, Lars DF1LON, Uwe DL8OBF, David EI9FBB.

Team RTTY: Jean-Paul F8BJI, Hans DL1YFF, Jean-Louis F5NHJ, Michel F5EOT.
Mixed team, any modes: Flo F5CWU, Valery RG8K, Mike UA9KGH/1, Bernard F9IE.

John/F5VHQ, will join the team on Feb 13, so count 24 operators until this date and 25 after.

We have two pilots stations: Thierry/F4TTR for the French speaking people and Andre/V51B, for the English speaking Hams.

All the matters are booked and papers are in hand.

Look for the first signals expected on Feb 8 around noon.

The main focus will be on low bands, with two K3 especially dedicated.

The last hand to control the gear and finish the packaging is scheduled at F6KOP ?s on Jan 26 & 27.

We thank a lot firms, sellers, DX Bulletins editors, Associations, Hams and all of you who help us in this new F6KOP Adventure. Those who want help us can do, through our donors page on: http://www.5x2013.com/index.php/help-us

Dont forget our Guest book: http://www.5x2013.com/index.php/guestbook
You can subscribe to the mail diary at: f5nql at aol.com

73 and welcome to the 5X8C warm up!
Maurice, F5NQL, Internet Communication Officer for 5X8C

Antarctic Challenge & Arctic Challenge -

The Antarctic Challenge & Arctic Challenge program is now free of charge,so it is possible to take part without any contribution.

A new downloadable application form is avalaible,it is an automated version very easy to handl, you just have to tape your qsos, then click on the blue flag to sort the lines country by country (macros must be activated).
http://www.french-polar-team.fr/Antarctic_Challenge_goal&rules.php

The old versions will not be accepted and your list can be sent until January 31th 2013 in order to be published online at mid February.

73 Michel F6DWQ & Mehdi F5PFP. [F5PFP]

Djerba Island DXpedition -
With the collaboration of the Associatio Radio Amaterurs Tunisiens, I am organize 2nd great Dxpedition to Djerba, like TS8P in the year 2010: (QRZ.com)
Date: one week of April or May 2013.
Refer.: IOTA AF-083, WFF 3VFF-007, lighthouse WLOTA L-1394 & ARLHS TUN-022.
The period will be during ine week of april or may 2013.
I believe that the multioperator call will be TS8IT, TS8TI, TS8DJ, 3V8D, 3V8TI.
Freq.: HF - WARC - Modes: SSB - PSK31 - RTTY - CW. (AMTOR).
Team: IK7JWX Alfredo (team leader), IK2DUW Antonello (QSL manager), IW2NLC Rosy (YL), IS0AGY Ampelio, IK8TEM Ferruccio, I8LWL Leopoldo, IK8GQY Titti (YL) + 3 op. CW > ON4ON, ON5SY and ON7PQ.
I am waiting for the confirm by: I2JJR Augusto - Dario IT9SSI.
We search sponsors and contributors.
73s de Alfredo IK7JWX - team leader [DE0MST]

DXpedition of the Year - Results

On January 15th, after one full month of voting, the "DXpedition of the Year 2012" survey closed. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We are proud to announce that HK0NA - Malpelo has won the DX World - DXpedition of the Year 2012 poll. True recognition and hearty congratulations to all involved in that fantastic expedition.

Acknowledgement must also be made to 7O6T - Yemen who came runner-up. It was duly noted, at one point, this DXpedition was top of the leader board as votes were cast. A job well done indeed. [DX World]

Hi QRP'ers. It's time again for the K3Y QRP Challenge.
Although the Challenge is no longer an official part of the SKCC event, I will be managing it, using a separate web page, QRP log submission, results page, prizes etc.
This year's Challenge is open to all Hams so, it should be a real blast. It will run from: 0001 UTC 18 January 2013 thru 2359 UTC 31 January 2013.
For complete rules and access to score submission and review results once the event is under way, go to: www.qrpchallenge.com/ . Prizes to be announced on the web site.
You might ask; Why QRP Challenge? For bragging rights, of course! :-)
73, Milt k4oso
QRP Challenge manager

Triathlon DX Contest -
Get Ready for the first Triathlon DX Contest on Saturday, 2/2/2013 RTTY, SSB and CW in a single contest!!!
A big surprise award!!!
Team contesting and many more...
Details including rules in English, Italian and Greek on our website at:
http://www.triathlon-dx-contest.gr
73 --
Kostas Stamatis, SV1DPI
Triathlon Contest Manager

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo

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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
www.wlota.com/

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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/

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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WCA program for Canada.
www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html

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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WorldWide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) Canada.
WWFF committee council member.
http://ww-ff.blogspot.nl/

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